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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DCI

SUBJECT: Request for Estimate on Negotiations Over Berlin

1. As you recall, Mr. Arneson at the 30 June Intelligence Board meeting referred to a possible requirement for a paper dealing with the relative advantages of negotiating over Berlin in 1959 as opposed to 1962. After discussion it was understood that Mr. Arneson would provide the Board with more details regarding the requirement and explore further the question of the appropriate procedure or mechanism for handling such a paper.

2. On 2 July Mr. McAfee in Ambassador Cumming's office informed me that the Policy planning Staff of State, who apparently had originated the request, were being advised that Secretary Herter (or Mr. Dillon) should raise this question at a different level, such as the NESC or the Comparative Evaluation Group, since it involved acquisition and use of sensitive data re US capabilities. If assistance was desired from the intelligence community at a later stage the group handling the study could then request it. But for the time being Mr. McAfee said that the USIB could consider itself "off the hook" on this matter.

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